THE EMERALD ISLE IS NOW TWO DISTINCT COUNTRIES

Striking Contrast Between the Northern and Southern Sections of the Land.

PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC

One Half Dominated By Episcopalians and Presbyterians, the Other By Catholics.

By Plummer F. Jones.

In olden times Ireland was divided into In olden times reland was divided into four great sections. Uister, in the north; Leinster, in the cast; Munster, in the South; and Connaught, in the west, These great divisions of Ireland hold to-day, though each is subdivided into a number of counties, and the divisions have no special political significance.

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The area of Ireland is about that of South Carolina, or Maine, or about three-fourths that of the State of Virginia.
In 1815 the population of the entire country was over eight million people; in 1891 it was 4,58,775. It may be seen that the decrease in sixty years has been about fifty per cent. At the rate of decrease of the last ten years Ireland, would be without an inhabitant in three decades from 1975.

The only section of Ireland that is at all progressive is that group of counties in the north of the island in the province of Ulster. When on my recent visit to Ireland I left Dublin and traveled up the eastern coast through Drogheda and Newry and got into Ulster proper I noticed a wondrous change from all the rest of Ireland. Here I found everything busy, men and women at, wors in the fields, great smokestacks rising everywhere, and new, progressive towns all along the busy railroads.

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Belfast, the real capital of Ulater, is one of the most progressive and magnificent commercial cities of the world. There are literally hundreds of great linen factories in Belfast, and the largest ship-building plant in the world. Such enormous ships as the Baltic, the Cedric and the Celtic, of the White Star Line, and many of the largest of other trans-Atlantic lines were built at these great shipyards.

All through the counties of Down, Antrim and Londonderry one sees evidences of the greatest prosperity. The land is nothing like so rich as that in the east and south of Ireland, but it is worked much better, and produces splendid crops of flax, wheat, oats, barley and potatoes.

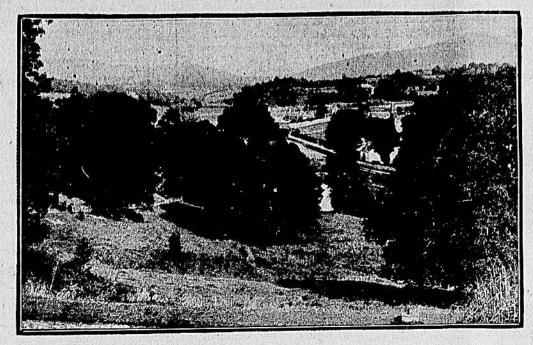
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I found a different class of people in this Ulster section of Ireland. The men and women had fair or reddish hair and riddy complexions; and there was a strong middle class of manufacturers and merchants and farmers. Indeed, when in Antrim county I could not help thinking of Pennsylvania and Ohie; for the people there impressed me as being literally made of push and energy, and they took advantage of every chance to earn an honest penny.

I believe I have spoken of the northern section of Ireland in other letters of this series as "alien." That is the proper word to uge. This is not real ireland at all, but is Scotch from its very foundation, and it is the home of that great class of "Scotch-Irish who laid the foundation of American greatness and prosperity. Even the people have the Scotch accent, and live according to Scotch methods.

people in Uister are also Procest-the strongest, not to say pitter-ssible type. The strongest hatreds world exist between the Scotch-

There is a society of Protestants in the north of Ireland known as the society of Orangemen, and they vow eternal hatred to the Pope and everything Catholic. This grange society is a powerful organization and has back of it some of the brainest men of the country, and some of the most influential newspapers. It got its name from William, Prince of Orange. When that King came to the throne of England, he organized a powerful arm, and invaded Catholic Ireland. Most of the Protestants of the north joined his army and fought against their countryarmy and fought against their countrymen. James, the Irish leader, was badly
defeated at, the battle of the Boyne,
and his forces were cut to pieces. From
that day the Protestants have been
known as Orangement, and the Catholic
Irish of the south hate the air they
breathe, and the ground they walk upon.
And this feeling is cordially returned.
All of Protestant or "alien" Ireland is
strongly loyal to the king, and they
spurn the very idea of Home Rule, All
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hatred, and their favorite cry is: "Down with the King!" The Orangemen, with clenched teeth, yell back: "To — with the Pope!"

Talked Plainly.

I talked with many of the educated Catholic Irish of the south about this antipathy between the north and the south, and pointedly asked them why it south and pointedly asked them why it was that Ulster was so prosperous and South Ireland, with so much richer land, was so poverty-stricken. They argued that the north had always been favored by the government and petted, while the south had been crushed and despised. I asked the people at the north why it was, and they said it was due largely to the difference in the stock of people and largely to the religion which they professed.

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Sir James Henderson, owner of the Belfast News-Letter, and one of the most prominent men in the United Kingdom, discussed this matter a long time with me in his office in Belfast, and he spoke out with all the enthusiasm of a politicián and partisan that he is, and declared Bouth Ireland was poverty-stricken because, the people would not work, and they would not work because of the enervating and demoralizing influence of their religion.

"They are the worst priest rinden people in the world," said he, "and they will not turn a hand to better their condition. The priests can do anything they like with their parishboners, and they are their political leaders, and in Ireland as they do in America where they are all solng, they would be their chest people in the world. When they go to America, even if they continue Catholics, they come from under the influence of the prests. The priests are responsible for this condition.

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I talked with many priests about this and told them what I had heard about their evil influence. Many of them laughted and told me It was all a mistake, and I have reason to believe that the evil influence of the priests in Irresuld is largely exaggerated. While I was a Presbyterian and wore a Masonic phehe farthest point I could reach away from the Catholics—I was uniformly well treated by every Catholic priest I met, and I made some friendships; among them that I shall cherish all my life. I have never met a more genuinely kind, hospitable, lovable set of men. They may have been *simply pretending," to me, but it would take all of North Ireland to make me believe it.

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And yet, with all this, North Ireland is no more to be compared to South Ireland than Mexico is to be compared to Ohio; though I mean no harm to Mexico. In the North there is modern manufacturing and practical farming and moneymaking, and clean houses and happy middle class; in the South there is a beautiful country, rich land, practically no tillage, not a single factory of importance, and complete stagnation. Everybody is leaving for America who can possibly get away.

Three Denominations.

While in Dublin I made a study of the religious census and statistics of Ireland. I found that in 1961 there were in Ireland 3,808,651 Catholics, 551,059 Episcopalians, and 443,278 Presbyterians. The small remailuder of the population belongs to various denominations. According to the census, 742 per cent, of the people are Roman Catholics; 13.03 are Episcopalians, and 9,81 are Presbyterians.

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many points, though he states that he would score any other church that would enthrall a people as Catholicism has done Ireland. He scores the Presbyterians of the North for their hardness and their bigotry; though he admits that they are amongst the most enlightened and industrious people of the world.

'In every little village of the North of Ireland," he says, "the population is strictly divided into at least three camps-Presbyterians, Roman Catholics and Episcopalians, of these the Presbyterians will probably be a virile community, containing the best yeoman stock of the country, and representing the bulk of the agricultural interest. The Catholics will number in their fold the very poor and those engaged in labor, with many of the servant class, and an prosperous publican; while the Episcopalians will be a rather weak and non-descript community, consisting of those classes, whether tradespeople or professional, who regard themselves of social importance, and who have the mental qualifications for conforming in religious matters to their views of what is socially expedient.

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"And of these three camps the Presbyterians and Episcopalians will terrainly have dealings with each other, and a kind of friendly rivalry, as of those who should oppose each other in the same cause. But neither of them will have any dealings at all with the Roman Catholics. It will be enough that a man should be a Roman Catholic for him to be refused employment in their affairs if a Protestant is available.

"However small and meagre the social resources of the place may be, no one would dream of inviling the priest to any social entertainment; and indeed, if such an invitation were given, it would hardly be understood. Priests, being in the minority there, are far more tolerant and kindly in their views than their parts of Ireland, where they are in the majority, they are apt to apply the boyce. In their turn in just the same way.

"But the two sets of people might belong to different races and be of different colors, for all that they will have to do with each other."

"But take it. Mr. Young was born and bred an Episcopalian in Ireland, though in his charming book he has occasion often to score his brethren and to say many a kind thing of the Roman Catholles, who, in his opinion, will ultimately ruin Ireland.

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Ulster Ireland possesses the finest public schools in the world, and they are well patronized. Indeed, in all Ireland the schools are good and the people have little to combine of in this direction. Illiteracy has decreased in a most gratifying manner within the past twenty or thirty you, and decreased in a most gratifying manner was only 160 per cent. While the was among the presponding to the Irish census of 1804, the illiteracy among the Irish Catholica was only 160 per cent., while it was among the Episcopalians 7.3 per cent. Forty years ago the illiteracy amongst the Irish was fearful. Computer of the Irish was fearful. The was all to busy to take much with me, and were later of the Irish was fearful to take the Irish was fearful. The Irish was considered to the Irish was fearful to Irish was a constant of the Irish was fearful to Irish was a constant of the Irish was fearful to Irish was a constant of the Irish was a constant was a constant of the Irish was a constant was a constant of Irish was a constant was a constant of Irish was a constant when the Irish was a light was well-to-do; and the splendid nells that lay about the town, in a more perfect state of cultivation than many para of Engand or France, told the best pashe story of thirst and prespect to Irish was made in the United States.

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In the town of Ballymoney, where it was some distinct kinsmen of a distance were three Presbyterian churches and practically no poor people. It and the their everybody was all my about the town, and many parts of Engand or France, told the everybody was all my about the town, and many parts of Engand or France, told the best particles for the particles of them was made in the United States.

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tional matters of all kinds, I found it best to speak right out and let everybody know exactly where you stand, and allow everybody else the same right. One does not make anything by concealing or pretending. When I was in Ireland I told the Catholic Irish that I was an American Presbyterian, and knew no better; and not only the mass of the people, but the priests treated me royally

Intellectual Priest.

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One day when on my way by rail from Athlone to Dublin, I found myself in a compartment with a young priest of remarkably intelligent face. I lost no time in making his acquaintance, and found that he was Father O'Donovan, a brilliant young writer and ecclesiastic, who had last year been called across the ocean to deliver a series of addresses on Ireland before the students of Harvard University. Father O'Donovan was the most liberal Catholic I have ever met; indeed, I think he was rather too 'liberal And I must say he was just about the finest conversationalist I have ever had the pleasure of talking with. His wit was charming; and his common sense remarkable. He told me that Catholic Ireland was in a bad way, and that much that had been written about the rule of the priests was absolutely true. "I will admit the truth, said he, "and I am no less a Catholic for doing It. The salvation of any true chirch lies in the truth, the whole truth, ind nothing but the truth. But the Catholic Church is too great a church to be ruined utterly by the marrowness or bilgotry of a few priests." This scholarly young marcommended to me a number of books upon Irlsh subjects, the majority of them books he told me to get were 'Ireland in the New Century,' by Sit Horace Plunkett. "To-Day and To-Morrow in Ireland." By Stephen Gwynni "The Seething Pot' and "An Allen of the West," two remarkable novels, treating of the Irlsh situation from the Protestant point of view."

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The book by Sir Horace Plunkett is all the talk in Ireland now. It is a book of 550 pages, dealing entirely with the Irish problem. It is straightforward and manity, and has the true ring.

In treating of the question of the North and South, or Progestant and Catholic Ireland, one of his paragraphs goes as follows:

"Protestantism has its stronghold in the great industrial centres of the North and among the Presbyterian farmers of five or six Ulster counties. These communities, it is significant to note, have developed the constitution of the North and among the Presbyterian farmers of five or six Ulster counties. These communities, it is significant to note, have driveloped the constitution of the their thrift, industry and enterprise, unsurpassed in the United Kingdom, have built up a world-wide commerce. In rural life they have drawn the largest yield from relatively infertile soil. Such, in brief, is the achievinent of Ulster Protestantism in the realm of industry. It is a story which, when a united Ireland becomes more than a dream, all Irishmen will be proud."

In the next paragraph he undertakes to score these prosperous Northern Protestants for their bigotiny and exclusiveness, and says that it is impossible for an observer to avoid the conclusion that "the embers of the old fires are too often fanned by men who are actuated by motives which, when not other than religious, are certainly based upon an unworthy conception of religion."

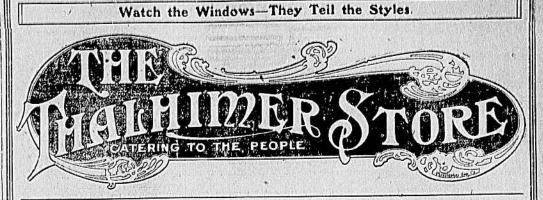
Some Sensational Books.

tion with a set of books which he has been publishing. His purpose is to expose the power of the priests and condition of the Catholic Church. I brought two of his books, both large illustrated volumes, back with me from Ireland—"Rome in Ireland" and "Priests and People in Ireland." His first book was called "Flye Years in Ireland." These books take an extreme position against the priests and the church, and from the norm of wiew of an American Presby ierian, I think he is in many, manuformischen extremous books the nuther seems to ally himself with the Protestants, though he bitterly resents the imputation of the Catholics that he is not a good churchman.

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